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TO; EACH SUPERVISOR

FROM: P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

**TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER ISSUED
AGAINST THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO**

We have been advised that the Superior Court issued a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) against the City of Montebello regarding their provision of fire services to the City of Commerce. The TRO was granted at the request of Local 1014 and concerned local citizens of both Commerce and Montebello

This TRO stops all actions involved with the transition of services from the Los Angeles County Fire Department to the Montebello Fire Department, which had been targeted for April 1, 2003. These actions include hiring of personnel, purchasing of equipment, and other steps necessary to effect the service transition. The court has scheduled a hearing on March 7, 2003 to determine if the injunction will be permanent. We have been informed that the court's decision to issue the TRO is based on Montebello's failure to submit their plan to provide service to Commerce with the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).

Due to the importance of this issue, we will keep you apprised of further actions as they occur. If you have any questions, please call me.

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